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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S VISIT TO CANADA

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1. MEMBER OF CANADIAN AID MISSION TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA IS "DEFINITELY" SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR HIS VISIT TO CANADA ON MAY 10. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER ZERBO AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS TIENTARABOUM.

2. COMMENT: IF LAMIZANA HAS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH HIS VISIT TO CANADA, THE INTERNAL THREAT TO HIS REGIME AND THE BORDER DISPUTE WITH MALI COULD NOT BE AS SERIOUS AS WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE BY RECENT REPORTS. ALBERT BALIMA, THE PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR A FEW DAYS AGO THAT LAMIZANA WAS STILL THINKING

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OF GOING TO CANADA ON MAY 10, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE A SHORT

VISIT BECAUSE DECISION FROM LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION WAS EXPECTED AROUND MAY 15 WHICH "WOULD DECIDE WHETHER IT WOULD BE PEACE OR WAR BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA." IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON MAY 5, MINISTER OF EDUCATION LANKOANDE ALSO REFERRED TO "VITAL DECISION" BY MEDIATION COMMISSION WITH NEXT 10 DAYS.

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